

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF
JANUARY 11TH, 1934.

The Board of Public Works of Maryland met in the offices of the Board, in the Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Thursday, January 11th, 1934.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.
 William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
 John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

There were also present Mr. F. Brooke Matthews, State Tobacco Inspector, and Mr. Charles H. Osborne, Architect.

STATE TOBACCO WAREHOUSE

Messrs. Matthews and Osborne reported to the Board that the proposals submitted by the several contractors for the work of alterations and improvements at the State Tobacco Warehouse, Baltimore, were opened after twelve o'clock, noon, January 6th, 1934, by Mr. Keys, Department Interior Division of Investigation, and Mr. J. T. Todd, Engineer from office of State Engineer, P. W. A., with all contractors and representatives of the press present, and that the proposal of Morrow Brothers in the amount of \$99,750.00 was the lowest received for the work.

STATE TOBACCO WAREHOUSE

After due consideration, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

RESOLVED by the Board of Public Works of Maryland that the agreement between the United States of America, as party of the second part, and the State of Maryland for and on behalf of the Maryland State Tobacco Warehouse, the party of the first part, under which a grant by the party of the second part of \$32,000 is given to the party of the first part for the purpose of making alterations and addition to the State Tobacco Warehouse, and identified as the party of the second part's Docket No. 1922, is hereby approved and F. Brooke Matthews, State Tobacco Inspector, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver said agreement to the party of the second part.

RESOLVED, That F. Brooke Matthews, State Tobacco Inspector, be

authorized to enter into a contract with Morrow Brothers, Incorporated, for alterations and addition to the Maryland State Tobacco Warehouse in accordance with the proposal submitted by that company in the amount of \$99,750.00, payment to be made from money appropriated to the State Tobacco Warehouse in the General Bond Issue of 1933, to be supplemented by a grant of \$32,000 approved by the Federal Administration of Public Works.

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STATE TOBACCO WAREHOUSE

The following letter from Mr. Abel Wolman, State Engineer for the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, was read and ordered incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC
WORKS
STATE ADVISORY BOARD

1245 Baltimore Trust Bldg.
Baltimore, Maryland.
January 9th, 1934.

Mr. C. H. Osborne,
222 W. Franklin Street,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of January 8th, enclosing the tabulation of bids for the alterations and addition to the Maryland State Tobacco Warehouse, Federal Docket No. 1922. We have reviewed the tabulation of bids, together with your recommendations, and herewith approve the award of the contract to the low bidder, Morrow Brothers, at their bid of \$99,750., conditional upon a contract being executed with Morrow Brothers in keeping with the standard contract called for by the American Institute of Architects.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Abel Wolman

State Engineer.

The following letter from Abel Wolman, State Engineer for the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, was read and ordered incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting:

1245 Baltimore Trust Bldg.,
Baltimore, Maryland.
January 9, 1934.

Mr. Laurence Hall Fowler,
347 N. Charles St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of January 4, enclosing the tabulation of bids received for the construction of the Hall of Records at Annapolis, Md., under a Federal grant, Docket No. 4547.

We have reviewed the tabulation of bids and your recommendations and herewith approve the award of the contract to the Consolidated Engineering Company of Baltimore, the low bidders, at their price of \$191,300.00.

You are herewith notified that this contract may not be awarded, however, until the application for a grant covering this work has been approved by the Washington office of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.

You will be notified immediately upon the receipt in this office of notice of approval from Washington.

Very truly yours,

.s. Abel Wolman.

State Engineer

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CC to Col. Waite,
" to Mr. F. R. Keyes
" to Mr. W. M. Steele,
" to Mr. Josl O'C. McCusker, Secty.,
Bd. of Public Works,
" to Mr. Shryock.

State Tobacco Warehouse

The following letter from the State Law Department was read and ordered incorporated in the Minutes of the meeting:

THE STATE LAW DEPARTMENT

January 10, 1934.

Joseph O. McCusker, Esq.,
Comptroller's Office,
Union Trust Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

I enclose herewith five unexecuted counterparts of a revised grant agreement, covering the State Tobacco Warehouse project. These Agreements were received by me today, and I was requested by the Federal Administration that three of these agreements be executed forthwith by the Board of Public Works and returned to Washington with the appropriate minutes and resolutions attached. In returning these to Washington the envelope should be marked "Attention: Public Bodies Section, Legal Division." The remaining two copies should be retained in your file, or one copy might be sent to the State Tobacco Inspector.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Wm. L. Henderson.

Asst. Attorney General.

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The Secretary was instructed to turn over to Mr. Matthews, State Tobacco Inspector, three copies of the grant agreement, and three copies of the resolutions passed by the Board relative to the alterations and addition to be made at the warehouse for filing with the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.

The Secretary took up with the Board the question of authorizing Spring Grove State Hospital to provide heat for bridgeways through which the sprinkler system passes, so that the water in the sprinkler system will be prevented from freezing, the cost of which heating work will be approximately \$400.00.

The Board authorized the work to be done, payment to come from the appropriation in the General Construction Loan of 1931 for Sprinkler Systems at State Institutions.

The following letter from Herbert G. Crisp, James R. Edmunds, Jr., and Horace W. Peaslee, Associated Architects, was read and considered:-

OFFICE OF JOSEPH EVANS SPERRY
409 Calvert Building,
Baltimore, Md.

January 4, 1934.

Subject Memorial Cross
St. Clement's Island.

Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland;

Attention Mr. Joseph McCusker, Secretary.

Gentlemen:-

The proposals for the erection of the Concrete Cross at St. Clement's Island, were opened by the Works Committee of the Maryland Tercentenary Commission, December 29th, 1933.

We were instructed to submit to you for your approval and ratification, their recommendation of accepting the proposal of Frainie Brothers, the lowest bidder.

<u>PROPOSALS RECEIVED:</u>	40'.0" Cross with 20'.0" Piles	40'.0" Cross with 25'.0" Piles	40'.0" Cross with 30'.0" Piles
Frainie Brothers	\$3200.00	3380.00	3550.00
Consolidated Eng. Co.	6575.00	6732.50	6890.00
W. E. Bickerton	6800.00	6899.00	6998.00
G. Walter Tovell, Inc.	3464.00	3513.50	3563.00
Price Construction Co.	4300.00	4435.00	4570.00
Cogswell Construction Co.	6450.00	6540.00	6630.00

John J. Earley, Washington, D.C., submitted a proposal of \$3200.00 for the 40'.0" Cross, without pile foundations.

May we have at your earliest convenience your approval on the above?

Frainie Brothers agree to have the work completed by March 1, 1934.

Very truly yours,

HERBERT G. CRISP and JAMES R. EDMUNDS,
Jr.

and
HOWACE W. PEASLEE
ASSOCIATED ARCHITECTS

Copy to Mr. Marbury
" " Mr. Darnall
" " Mr. Howard.

By: /s/ Herbert G. Crisp.

Upon motion, duly seconded, authority was granted to the Maryland Tercentenary Commission to enter into a contract with Frainie Brothers for the erection of the concrete Cross at St. Clement's Island, in the amount of \$3,550.00.

The following letter from Mr. Ignatius Bjorlee, Superintendent of the Maryland State School for the Deaf, was read and considered:-

MARYLAND STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Frederick, Md.
Jan. 3, 1934.

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie,
Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Governor Ritchie:-

As stated in my telephone communication with you today, there has been no apparent need for a field worker among the deaf of Maryland until the beginning of the present depression. In other words, the training given the deaf of the State was sufficient, and the deaf assumed their positions in society seemingly on a par with the normal hearing boy or girl.

Today the situation is reversed. The supply in the field of employment is so much in excess of the demand that employers find it very convenient to release from their employ deaf workers and replace them by hearing men and women. This being the case, it is very evident that for the unemployed deaf to secure new positions is even more difficult.

Last year it was my desire to request of you an appropriation on the staff of the Maryland State School for the Deaf for a part time field worker to meet this situation. Other States are finding this to be a very satisfactory arrangement, for deaf men are frequently released from employment due to such misunderstandings as confront them.

You will recall when we were striving to get permits for the deaf to operate motor vehicles, that my contention at that time was correct as demonstrated by the fact that we now have approximately one hundred deaf drivers and to date there has never been a case brought to court in which an accident occurred and wherein deafness was even questioned as a contributory cause.

It was my intention to request the sum of \$1,800.00 per year to be made available for part time salary and transportation for such a field worker. It would probably be asking too much to request this amount at this time and it is quite probable that a field worker over a period of sixty days, could straighten out the situation and tide us over the present emergency. Accordingly if you could see your way clear to make available for us approximately four hundred dollars, I can assure you that this money will be most judiciously expended and will be made to cover just as much ground as possible.

Under normal conditions, I should have requested that you grant me permission to draw this small amount from the annual budget of the school, but with the very limited allowance granted us by the past Legislature, I do not see how we can meet such an emergency without requesting an amount as above named to cover the expenditure.

It is just since the holiday season that the problem has become must acute and immediate action will be necessary to stave off further unemployment, hence a reply at your very earliest convenience will be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ignatius Bjorlee.

Ignatius Bjorlee,
Superintendent.

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It was agreed to allow the sum of \$400.00 from the Emergency Relief Fund of the Budget for the fiscal year 1934 to take care of the work outlined in Mr. Bjorlee's letter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.